

Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Registration now open for MOSL summer institute

Registration for the 2004 Summer Institute is now open on the Missouri State Library Web site, <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/summerinstitute2004>. This year the State Library will offer one session of basic library skills, two advanced library skills sessions, and one technology skills session. The institute is scheduled for August 3-6, 2004, at the Best Western Columbia Inn in Columbia.

The basic course will provide a four-day overview of libraries and library services and is intended for those who are attending the institute for the first time. The course also includes a choice of two Internet training sessions at MOREnet.

"Library Administration and Management," one of the advanced skills sessions, will provide an organizational framework for improving library administration. The presenter is Pat Wagner, who has worked with libraries in 36 states on personnel, management, leadership, customer service, and marketing issues. She is a frequent speaker at national and state library conferences and has written two books on libraries.

"Organizing Library Material," the other advanced skills course, will address elements of cataloging, organizational procedures, and standards to facilitate access to library materials. Erlene Dudley, director of Dulany Library/Information Systems, William Woods University, will be the instructor for the course.

The technology skills session will meet at MOREnet and focus on basic troubleshooting, networking, and an introduction to PC hardware. Participants may enroll in this course without having completed the basic skills course.

Additional information can be found on the State Library Web site, or by contacting Nancee Dahms-Stinson at 800-325-0131, ext. 5, or by e-mail at nancee.dahms-stinson@sos.mo.gov.

Technology plan assistance now available

The State Library has hired Michaela Hansen to help public libraries complete their technology plans for E-rate eligibility. Hansen has been hired on a part-time basis to work with libraries and review submitted plans.

Previously, Michaela worked at the reference desk at the Daniel Boone Regional Library, and was a library intern for the Gates Foundation, providing technical assistance to Missouri libraries receiving Gates computers and software. She has a master's degree from the University of Missouri, School of Information Science and Learning Technologies and a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures.

All libraries participating in the REAL program must submit a technology plan to the State Library. Additional information can be found on the State Library Web site, <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/certifications/>.

IMLS announces update of digital collections framework

A new version of the Framework of Guidance for Building Good Digital Collections is now freely available for download from the National Information Standards Organization (NISO). The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) transferred maintenance of the Framework to NISO and this update is the first production from that group.

The Framework provides a set of high-level principles for identifying, organizing, and applying existing knowledge and resources to collections of digital resources. For each category of collections, objects, metadata, and projects, the Framework defines general principles relating to quality and provides a list of supporting resources such as standards, guidelines, best practices, explanations, discussions, clearinghouses, and case studies.

View the details at the <http://www.niso.org/framework/forumframework.html>, part of the NISO Web site.

YALSA membership campaign to give away comics

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is looking for fifty new regular members who want to grow their YALSA membership and their comics and graphic novel collection at the same time. In support of Free Comic Book Day 2004, the first fifty people who join YALSA between May 24 and June 18 as regular personal members will receive a free set of 20 *Star Wars: Clone Wars Adventures* comic books. Individuals will find the registration form needed to take advantage of this offer by visiting the YALSA Web site at www.ala.org/yalsa between those dates.

Librarians working with teens, in both schools and public libraries, continue to report interest in and success with this format. Free Comic Book Day (July 3, 2004) is designed to celebrate and raise awareness of the uniquely American art form, salute the positive aspects of this medium, unite the industry, thank current readers and fans, and, most importantly, to invite new readers to visit their local comic shops. A complete list of participating publishers, available titles, and supporters is online at the event's web site, www.freecomicbookday.com.

In recent years, comic books have been hailed by educators and librarians as excellent tools for developing literacy, particularly among reluctant readers. The combination of exciting adventure, colorful images, and text often lures children and teens into reading without even realizing they are doing so.

For more information on YALSA membership, contact the YALSA office by phone at 800-545-2433, ext. 4390, or by e-mail at yalsa@ala.org.

School librarian conference focuses on collaboration

The American Association of School Librarians will host its fall forum, "Collaboration and Reading to Learn @ your library," October 1-3, 2004 in Dallas, Texas. Participants will learn effective strategies for collaborating with classroom teachers, reading and literacy specialists and/or subject area teachers to promote reading for understanding in the context of information literacy. Additional information about the AASL Fall Forum is available at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/fallforum>. You must register by July 1, 2004, to guarantee a space at the conference.

If you are interested in attending this conference and need financial assistance, please consider submitting a Show-Me Steps to Career Development Grant application to the Missouri State Library. The grant can cover registration fees, transportation, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous travel expenses or program costs, as deemed reasonable by the State Library. The 2004 Show Me Steps Grant application is available at http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants/So4_ShowMeSteps.pdf.

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